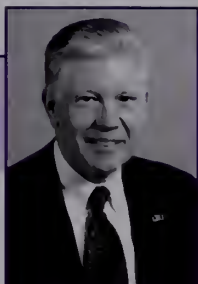




Alumni Columns

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Dr. Randall J. Webb, '65, '66

President
Northwestern State University

Dear Alumni:

The fall semester at your alma mater brought a great deal of good news that bodes well for Northwestern.

In the second year of selective admissions, the average composite ACT scores of incoming freshmen increased to 20.5. Incoming freshmen had better ACT scores in English, reading, math and science. This year, the number of entering freshman receiving TOPS (Tuition Opportunity Program Scholarship) was up by 6.8 percent from 556 to 596.

Graduate enrollment was the highest in 21 years, increasing 11.7 percent from 1,061 to 1,183 after Northwestern's Graduate Council enhanced admissions standards for graduate study. We saw strong enrollment increases across the board in our graduate programs as retention exceeded 80 percent in the majority of the degree plans.

Overall enrollment was down this semester as we anticipated, but the decrease was smaller than expected. That factor, combined with the continual improvement in the quality of our student body, is encouraging. We believe that retention and graduation rates will increase as students come to Northwestern prepared for the rigors of higher education.

We are optimistic that two building renovation projects will begin during this fiscal year. The work at Williamson Hall and Caspari Hall will give us two modern buildings to better serve our students.

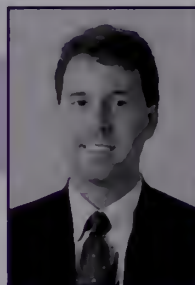
Williamson Hall will also receive an external facelift, which will dramatically change the exterior look of the building and make it closely resemble some of the older buildings on campus such as Russell Hall.

The new wing of Caspari Hall will be renovated to provide additional convenience for prospective and current students. The Registrar's and Admissions office along with University Recruiting and Financial Aid will be in the same facility, cutting down on the time students have to spend going around campus to conduct business.

These projects along with the new Alumni Plaza will make our Natchitoches campus even more appealing to those who use our campus each day or visit with us.

Dr. Chris Maggio, '85, '91

Director of Alumni and Development



My fellow alumni:

As 2006 comes to a close, I am reflecting on the wonderful things that happened at Northwestern in the past year – the growth and development of programs and services, improvements in campus physical features and the positive exposure we continue to enjoy. Most of all, I am pleased and excited that our recruiting efforts are attracting high caliber students who are essential to the growth and vitality of the university. They are tomorrow's leaders and our future alumni.

School spirit is at an all-time high. As director of alumni and development, one of my goals is to get as many of you involved at Northwestern as possible and make you aware of the many opportunities to do so.

Remember, if we don't have your current home or e-mail address, we can't send you invitations to events being planned by our office. Take a minute to go on-line to www.northwesternalumni.com and click on "Update our Files." You can also subscribe to our Alumni e-news, which will send you monthly updates of happenings on campus. A form for updates is also available on Page 16 of this publication and can be dropped in the mail.

We want you to feel a part of the university, whether you live in the area or many miles away. There are many alumni events and programs to keep you connected to NSU. We hope to hear from you, see you, or better yet, both. Best wishes from all of us and thank you for your continued support of Northwestern State University.

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Principal Profiles

Northwestern alumni continue to educate through leadership

With Northwestern's history of producing outstanding teachers, it is no surprise that many of those dedicated individuals graduate to a role in which they have an even greater impact on students and faculty by becoming school principals. And the best principals are always – fundamentally – teachers.

Karl Carpenter's career in education began in 1979 when he earned his bachelor's in music education and took on his first job as band director at Oberlin. He



Karl Carpenter Photo by Philip Gould

taught at Winnfield Senior High for a year before moving to Tioga in 1983, where he served as band director for 16 years before becoming assistant principal. Carpenter was drawn to music education because of the influence of his high school band director at Alexandria Senior High, Dr. Jerry Payne, who later became director of bands at Northwestern. Carpenter enrolled at Northwestern and earned a master's at NSU in 1987 and a Ph.D. from Southern Miss in 2001.

Carpenter has been principal at Carter C. Raymond Middle School for four years. Before that, he was Tioga High School's assistant principal.

"The principalship offers many chances to not only see children learn and grow, but adults as well. Hiring young teachers and seeing them come into their own as professional educators is quite fulfilling. Teachers love to help young students. That is evident when they volunteer for extra responsibilities around the school. You really experience a sense of pride and accomplishment when that happens," he said.

Carter C. Raymond Middle School is a rural school in Lecompte, but one of the most progressive and technology-rich schools in Rapides Parish, serving a diverse population of learners from fourth through eighth grade.

"I really love to teach. What other career offers you the opportunity to impact young lives in ways that you may or may not immediately realize," Carpenter said. "Sometimes it didn't feel quite right getting a check for doing something that I absolutely loved doing. The challenges of teaching are part of the job, and everyone who enters a teaching career knows that. Teaching music offered many rewards through the various performance opportunities."

Some of those rewards included leading the Tioga band in concert on the steps of the Louisiana State Capitol, playing a concert at the base of the Lincoln Monument in Washington, D.C., marching down Constitution Avenue for the Independence Day parade and playing "Hail to the Chief" for the presidential visit to Alexandria in 1996.

"I was elected District II Band Director of the Year, NSU Alumni Band Director of the Year, NSU College of Education Cooperating Teacher of the Year, and perhaps my most rewarding honor was being elected by my faculty colleagues as Teacher of the Year at Tioga High School," Carpenter said.

As an NSU student, Carpenter was a member of the Demon Marching Band, the concert bands, jazz ensembles and orchestra and sang in the choir. He was also involved in several theater productions and the Louisiana Outdoor Theater Association, the Louisiana Cavalier.

In addition to Dr. Payne, other Northwestern teachers who influenced Carpenter were Richard Jennings, Richard Rose, Tony Smith, Dr. Bill Hunt and the late Jim Swett.

"I really enjoyed my years at Northwestern and received a great education. It is absolutely thrilling to see the growth of the School of Creative and Performing Arts under the leadership of Dr. Bill Brent," he said.

Ken Cochran's philosophy of teaching encourages not only an active mind,

but also an active body. As principal at North Caddo Magnet High School, he has set forth a "flex schedule" with programming that encourages students to think and learn through interdisciplinary activities that also promote good health and physical fitness.

Cochran graduated from NSU in 1969 with a degree in health and physical education and a minor in English. He earned a master's degree in 1978 from Northwestern in health and physical education and school administration. He retired after 32 years as a teacher, coach and principal, but four years ago returned to the school system to revitalize North Caddo, a rural school in Vivian. There he made changes in staff and methods that lifted enrollment, attendance, test scores, community involvement and school pride.

"It's rejuvenated me," Cochran said. "This is a small high school with great potential. We are creating a process of focusing on learning rather than testing."

With his background in health and physical education, Cochran is concerned about the epidemic obesity among today's youth.

"It goes back to the Greek philosophy of sound mind, sound body," he said. "It's a fitness and health initiative. Physical education is the best interdisciplinary classroom." Cochran and his faculty organize activities that challenge individuals and encourage teamwork among students who are not necessarily athletic.

"One student may kick a soccer ball into a goal, but his team does not get the point unless they can answer a question or solve a problem related to math, science or language arts," he explained.

"My primary reason for going into education was coaching," he said. He taught English and P.E. and after 14 years of coaching middle school and high school was selected to an administrative internship program in Caddo Parish that was designed to develop individuals into administrators. He then became an assistant principal at a Shreveport inner city middle school, where he dealt with apathy and the challenge of inspiring disadvantaged students to learn.

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Cochran's teachers at Northwestern were an enormous influence on his as a teacher and coach.

"We had the best college teachers in my field. There were none better anywhere...Robert Alost, Buddy Bonnette, Sam Coker, Roy Gentry, Melvin Gibson, Slim

Wallace James Elementary, Lafayette Parish's first "school of choice."

"In 2002, our parish built a new school with a new concept," Schmersahl explained. "It was an arts and technology academy that drew its population from the whole parish by means of a lottery. I applied

Broadmoor Elementary in Lafayette, from 1971-1979.

"I became an assistant principal of S.J. Montgomery Elementary in Lafayette in 1979. This was a large K-5 school which housed a large population of deaf ed classes. We had 13 classes of deaf students. I became principal at this school in 1988 -1993. I was one of the first principal's to have a French Immersion program."

Schmersahl moved to Prairie Elementary in Lafayette as principal in 1993 through 2002.

"Prairie also housed a French Immersion program. Every grade level had an Immersion class from Pre-K to 5th grade," she said.

"This arts school was such a new concept here. It was and has been very exciting to be a part of the planning and growth. Since 2002, our parish has added more schools of choice. There are plans to eventually make every school a school of choice," she said.

J. Wallace James employs full-time instructors for dance, drama, band, strings, vocal music, visual arts, piano and technology. There is also a full-time reading facilitator, lead teacher, and two P.E. instructors.

"Both of my parents were teachers, therefore, the influence was there to be a teacher when I was very young.

That is the very reason my dad selected Northwestern for me. He said if I was going to be a teacher, I needed to go to a college that had a good name for this profession," she said.

Principals today face many challenges, Schmersahl said, challenges that can change from year to year.

"Meeting the academic needs of each child is always in the forefront. Safety is another challenge that is always in the back of every principal's mind. To make sure one's school is always safe is a real challenge today," she said.

"A big challenge we have at our school is to integrate the arts and technology with the academics but time has really helped us as we are now in our fifth year and our scores have yielded us nice checks from the state for growth on our test scores."

"I love being a principal mainly because every day is different. There are always new challenges to hurdle or conquer. The thought that we are influencing and impacting the future is exciting to me. Where else can this happen but in a school! After 40 years in education, I can still say I love my job."



Cochran with students Ricky Jackson, Morgan Raschall and Skye Banzet.

Howell. That staff did so much more than influence us in the classroom. They encouraged leadership and pride," he said. At NSU, Cochran was involved in the Pi Epsilon Kappa physical education fraternity, tennis and aquatics.

Cochran recalled a conversation with Bonnette in which he was asked what he was teaching his students. After listing a few athletic statistics, Bonnette interrupted Cochran and said, "How many kids are you inspiring to be physically fit? How many are you inspiring to learn? It's not just about winning games."

"I had a desire that if they walked into one of my teaching areas, I wanted them to find me doing what they taught me to do," Cochran said. "That is the influence they had on me."

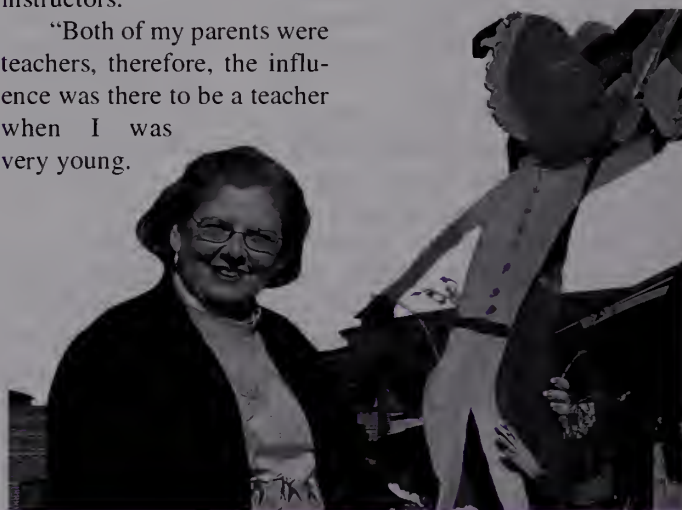
Dana Schmersahl said that every new school for her has been an adventure. Schmersahl is principal at J.

for and was selected to be the first principal for this school."

Schmersahl earned a B.A. degree from Northwestern in 1967 in elementary education and kindergarten education and received her M. Ed., in early childhood education from McNeese State University in 1972. In 1974, she received her education specialist degree in supervision and administration from the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette. She has been a principal since 1988.

Schmersahl was a Head Start teacher in Jennings in the summers of 1967, 1968, 1969.

"My first year of teaching was at Central High School, K-12, in Natchitoches in 1967," she said. "I taught for two years at Estherwood Elementary in Estherwood, 1968-1970. I moved to Lafayette Parish where I taught at Carencro Heights Elementary and Myrtle Place Elementary for one year, 1970-1971. I then taught at



Dana Schmersahl

Long Purple Line

Six Northwestern State University graduates have been selected as the 2006 inductees into the NSU Hall of Distinction, the Long Purple Line. This year's honorees include Tom Carleton of Bossier City, Robert Eugene Easley, Ph.D., and Jo Pease of Houston, Brig. Gen (ret.) Curtis Hoglan of Niceville, Fla., Kevin Lynch of Cincinnati, and Speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives Joe Salter of Florien.



Carleton has been an educator for 39 years. He has been chancellor of Bossier Parish Community College since 1994. Carleton earned a bachelor's degree in social sciences in 1967 and a master's in social sciences in 1974.

"Northwestern gave me a foundation on which I built my career. Without that, I would be no where," said Carleton. "I learned to stay true to my cause and gained the insights as to where I needed to go and what I needed to do to make a contribution toward making the world a better place."

Carleton joined BPCC in 1974 as a social sciences teacher and has served as director of Community Education and vice chancellor of community affairs.

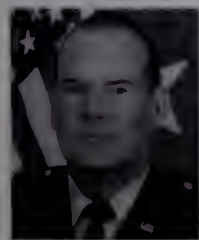


Easley received a bachelor's in business in 1962 and a master's in business in 1963. He received a Ph.D. from the University of Colorado in 1988.

Easley served at the NASA Johnson Space Center for 34 years and was a member of the federal government's Senior Executive Service. Easley received the Presidential Rank of Meritorious Executive and the NASA Exceptional Service Medal.

He worked in senior positions at The Boeing Company Space Exploration Division from 1998 until 2005. Easley teaches at the University of Houston – Clear Lake. He is a member of the NSU College of Business Hall of Distinction.

"I received an outstanding education at Northwestern," said Easley. "The professors were very interested in the success of the students and spent a lot of time not just advising, but counseling. I sincerely believe that my experiences at NSU helped to prepare me for an exciting and challenging career."



Hoglan received a bachelor's in music education in 1955. He earned a master's in public administration at Shippensburg University.

"NSU was the first time I had really experienced the larger world, met many people from all kinds of backgrounds," said Hoglan. "At NSU I learned that I could 'be all I could be.' I was not an honor student, but I learned that I could do almost anything I set my mind to."

Hoglan served at the Pentagon and around the world. He was commanding general of V Corps Artillery and the First

ROTC Region. Hoglan was an inductee into the NSU ROTC Hall of Fame. His decorations include two Bronze Stars and the Purple Heart.

Hoglan has also worked in economic development.



Lynch, a 1961 graduate, earned a bachelor's degree in political science. He was an executive with Procter and Gamble for 30 years.

"My years at Northwestern formed a foundation of values that I have tried to build on throughout my life," said Lynch. "The discipline I gained as a graduate of

Northwestern's R.O.T.C. program, and as a member of the prestigious 'Black Knights,' instilled a drive to excel as a U.S. Army Officer and throughout my business career."

Lynch co-founded of the Catholic Men's Fellowship of Greater Cincinnati and the National Fellowship of Catholic Men, serving as the organization's president.

Lynch established the Annie C. O'Neal Lynch Endowment in honor of his wife to support nursing students and student activities at Holy Cross Catholic Church.



Pease received a degree in accounting and business administration. She worked as a legislative aide to U.S. Rep. Joe Waggoner before becoming a lobbyist for Shell Oil Company.

Pease earned an MBA from the Yale School of Management. She became Shell's (U.S.) chief ethics and compliance officer in 2001 and served on the Board of Directors of the Ethics and Compliance Officers Association. Last year, she was honored by Texas Executive Women as one of 10 "Women on the Move" in Houston.

"Northwestern was a place where I could make things happen," said Pease. "The university felt like a place where people were willing to do things differently. I had a chance to work with fellow students all the way up to the president. Those experiences gave me of self-confidence and prepared me for the business world."



Salter was elected Speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives in 2004, the first representative from his district to hold the position.

"I am extremely honored to receive this special recognition," said Salter. "I know many people who have been inducted into the Long Purple Line have been very successful and have made many important contributions. Northwestern has been an important part of my life and of many members of my family."

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College of Education honors Distinguished Educators



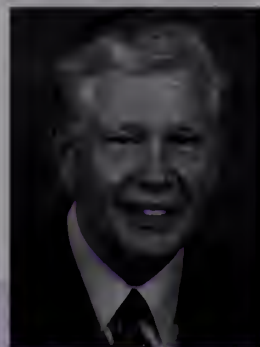
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Gillan

Northwestern's College of Education hosted the seventh annual Alumni Reunion and breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 28 in conjunction with Homecoming activities. During the COE reunion, four alumni were inducted into the Hall of Distinguished Educators. They are State Rep. Beverly Gourdon Bruce of Mansfield, Travis E. Funderburk of Pineville, Lola Kendrick of Shreveport and NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb of Natchitoches. One alumnus, Dr. Robert Gillan of Natchitoches, was designated a Friend of Education.

Bruce has served in the Louisiana House of Representatives for over 11 years and was re-elected in 1999 and 2003 to her second and third terms without opposition. Prior to her election in 1995, she served as teacher of home economics in the public school system for nine years and as a home economist with the LSU Agricultural Center-Research and Extension Service for 23 years. She retired from her DeSoto Parish Extension position in 1996 to devote full-time service in the House of Representatives.

Bruce received a degree in home economics education from Northwestern in 1956 and a master's degree in child development and family relations in 1964. She also did post-graduate work at Louisiana State University.

Funderburk contributed to education at the local and state levels while serving as a teacher, principal, supervisor and assistant superintendent in Rapides Parish. After graduating with honors from Northwestern State College in 1950 and earning a master's in education at LSU, he completed post-graduate work at the University of Florida, LSU and Northwestern, in addition to completing many institutes and seminars on special

topics in education.

Funderburk began his career as a physics and general science teacher at Bolton High School in Alexandria before becoming an assistant principal and later principal at Cherokee Elementary. He was Supervisor of Elementary Education for the Rapides Parish School Board from 1963-66 and Director of Instruction and High School Supervisor from 1966-67. From 1967-80, he was assistant superintendent of instruction and from 1980-93 owned Travco Educational Consultant and Sales Services, serving school systems and school supply firms.

Kendrick served Caddo Parish for 30 years, where she was recognized as an outstanding teacher, researcher, public relations head and assistant to the superintendent. She has been a community education activist, serving on numerous boards and clubs, constantly researching and writing education- and youth-related grants.

Kendrick earned her undergraduate degree in 1961 and a master's from Northwestern in 1967. In addition to her work as a teacher and administrator, she served for eight years as an education specialist for Workforce Commission in the governor's office, where she was responsible for researching education issues, such as preparing a work-ready workforce and career planning. She was the principal author of a report that has been widely used and quoted in Louisiana workforce, education and economic development arenas. The report has continued to be updated and is featured in a Council for a Better Louisiana report.

Webb is currently in his 10th year as president of Northwestern. During his tenure, Northwestern has gained unprecedented state and national attention for its

achievements in academic and athletic programming. New academic programs have been created including bachelor's programs in criminal justice, heritage resources, electronics engineering technology and theatre, along with a bachelor's in liberal arts in the Louisiana Scholars' College. A new graduate program in heritage resources is in its second year.

Webb earned degrees in mathematics and business education at Northwestern in 1965 and a master's in mathematics in 1966. He taught mathematics as a graduate assistant and as a faculty member at Northwestern before earning a doctorate with concentrations in mathematics and research at the University of Southern Mississippi in 1971.

After serving in administrative capacities at other universities for several years, Webb returned to Northwestern as Dean of Instruction and Graduate Studies in 1989 and in 1996 was elevated to the office of president. NSU's scope includes delivery of instruction and services on the main campus in Natchitoches and at satellite campuses in Alexandria, Shreveport, Leesville/Fort Polk and at numerous off-site locations across central Louisiana.

Gillan's contributions to Northwestern's technology sector have been invaluable. He built and directed the university's Education Technology program, the largest graduate concentration at the university and one of the largest programs of its kind in the nation. He has also pioneered the development of web-based instruction and taught the university's first Internet courses. Northwestern's Master of Education and Education Specialist degree concentrations in education technology were the first such programs approved for on-line

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New Foundation Board Members

Alvin C. Moreau Jr. of Baton Rouge and Steve Tannehill of Olla have been named to the Northwestern State University Foundation Board of Directors.



A native of Baton Rouge, Moreau played football at NSU and was elected to the All Gulf States Conference team. He graduated from NSU in 1966 with a degree in education and a minor in English. He taught for four years before returning to school, enrolling in the physical therapy program at the University of Alabama-Birmingham. He has worked as a practicing physical therapist since 1974. He is CEO of Moreau Physical Therapy, which consists of four clinics in the Baton Rouge and Opelousas areas. He is a member of NSU's Graduate N Club and was instrumental in initiating the Buddy Bonnette Memorial Scholarship.

Married since 1970 to Margarette Ackal Moreau, Moreau and his wife have four children, Eugenie, Al III, Matthew and Michael, and five grandchildren.



Tannehill graduated from Northwestern in 1977, attended law school at Louisiana State University and worked as a wood contractor until 1981. He has been a Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society field representative for the last 25 years and a registered representative with Woodmen Financial Services since 2001. He is a member of the National Association of Fraternal Insurance Counselors and the Million Dollar Round Table.

Tannehill and his wife, Pamela Menefee Tannehill, have two children, Stephanie and William. He is a member of the United Methodist Church of Urania and is an active supporter of LaSalle High School athletics and the Olla-Tullos-Urania Senior Citizens Organization.

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Salter earned a bachelors and master's degree in education and completed additional post-graduate work. He had a distinguished career as an educator, retiring as Sabine Parish assistant superintendent of schools.

He was first elected to the House in 1986 and has been re-elected five times, four times without opposition.

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delivery and to date remain the preeminent online graduate programs in the state, both in quality and in number of graduates.

Gillan's impact on the state technology sector over the past decade is defined through several examples. The Louisiana Association of Computer Using Educators, which he founded and continues to lead, forms the professional nexus for all school technology educators. His Middle School On-Line staff development resource, which provides on-line continuing education for all state middle school teachers, serves as a model for teacher development of every kind. Dr. Gillan has taken a leadership role in training more teachers at all levels through college course work, workshops and conference presentations than any other educator in Louisiana.

President's Distinguished Service Award



Special Agent Patrick S. Turner of the FBI is the recipient of the 2006 President's Distinguished Service Award at Northwestern State University. He was honored during NSU's Homecoming activities on Oct. 27-28.

Turner, a 1986 graduate of Northwestern, has been with the FBI since 1997. He has been assigned to the Miami, El Paso and Indianapolis Divisions of the FBI. From January 2004 until October 2005, Turner was the supervisor for the Indianapolis Joint Terrorism Task Force. In March, he was deployed to Iraq in support of the FBI's counterterrorism mission. After deployment, he returned to Indianapolis and is working violent crime cases and is a member of the FBI Indianapolis SWAT team.

Turner earned both an athletic and honors scholarship to NSU, playing four years on the Demon football team. He was part of the 1984 Gulf Star Conference championship team and earned the squad's high academic award in 1985 and 1986.

After graduating from NSU, Turner spent three years as a state trooper with the Florida Highway Patrol. In 1990, he became a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army, flying CH-47 Chinook helicopters.

"I was surprised to learn that I received this award," said Turner, who wrote about some of his experiences in Iraq for www.nsudemons.com. "I feel as if I am only a small part of what I have been involved with in Iraq and with the Bureau. I am very honored."

Turner's wife Elena is also an FBI agent. They have two daughters, Shae, 6, and Sophie, 2.

Excellence in Teaching Awards



Six outstanding educators at Northwestern State University were recognized for their contributions to the university and their individual colleges as recipients of this year's NSU Excellence in Teaching Awards. The six honorees, who were selected by their peers, were honored during Homecoming. The faculty and their respective colleges are, from left, Dr. Mark Schaub, College of Business; Dr. Paula Furr, College of Liberal Arts; Dr. Patricia N. Pierson, College of Science and Technology; Dr. Laura Carwile Aaron, College of Nursing, and Dr. Barbara Duchardt, College of Education. Not shown is Dr. James A. Means, Louisiana Scholars' College.

Alumni Plaza unveiled

A reception to commemorate the completion of NSU's Alumni Plaza was held Homecoming weekend. Numerous alumni and university supporters contributed to the project by purchasing fixtures such as the Pi Kappa Phi clock and the Dan and Lilly Chase fountain, as well as benches, granite tiles, trees and lamps. The Plaza is located between the A.A. Fredericks Fine Arts Auditorium and the Orville Hanchey Gallery. The development of the Plaza is on-going as engraved brick pavers are still available for purchase. The engraved fixtures provide a tangible connection to the university for graduates, faculty and supporters. For more information on the Plaza, or to purchase a fixture for yourself or a loved one, contact the Alumni Center at (318) 357-4243.



Businesses recognized


The NSU College of Business recognized outstanding businesses during the annual Homecoming brunch on Saturday, Oct. 28. Named the Dean's Outstanding Business Award recipients were, from left, State Farm Insurance represented by Buddy Wood; Association of Member Benefits Advisors, represented by Sherry Morgan, and Martco Foundation, represented by Jesse Bolton. On the back row is Dr. Stephen Elliott, acting dean of the College of Business.



Graduate N Club

The 1981 team from Northwestern State University, represented by Victor Oatis, Joe Delaney, Mario Johnson and Mark Duper, coached by Jerry Dyes, who won the NCAA championship in the 4x100 meter relay, were inducted into the Graduate N Club Hall of Fame during Homecoming weekend. Pictured after the inductions were, from left, Mark Duper, Alma Delaney Warren (Joe Delaney's sister), Carolyn Delaney (Joe Delaney's wife), Mario Johnson, Coach Jerry Dyes and Victor Oatis. The team remains the only university that competes at the Division I-AA level in football to ever win a relay title, 4x100 or 4x400, men or women, at the NCAA Division I Indoor or Outdoor Championships.


SPOTLIGHT

 **Kathy Waits Robinson** (1986) was selected as one of the "Great 100 Nurses in Texas for 2006" by the Dallas-Fort Worth Hospital Council and the Texas Nurses Association. This prestigious award is considered by most physicians and nurses as the highest award given to RNs in Texas. Robinson works at the Medical Center of Lewisville, Lewisville, Texas.

She is currently finishing her Masters in Neonatology Nursing at Baylor Medical School and will be a certified NNP in May 2007.

Robinson is married to Tim Robinson, formerly of Shreveport, and has two children, Kimberly, 11, and Matthew, 8.

"I owe most of my success in nursing to the education and training I received at Northwestern School of Nursing. I am particularly grateful to Mrs. Cheek for her instruction and guidance when I was a student," she said. "Thank you Northwestern for giving me the tools to have a successful and rewarding career as an RN."


 **NSU alumnus Mike Restovich**, federal security director at Dallas Love Field, was tapped in March 2006 to oversee the day-to-day operations of all United States transportation security, including all security directors, screeners and inspectors.

Within the Transportation Security Administration, Restovich, 58, will command security operations for all types of transportation – one of the largest endeavors in the federal government.

Restovich was an early figure in the TSA's formation after the 9/11 terrorist attacks and has been a key figure in the agency's "risk-based" reorganization under Director Kip Hawley. Restovich, a former U.S. Secret Service agent, is one of four people overseeing key aspects of the agency.

Work during Hurricane Katrina led to the new job. Restovich traveled to Louis Armstrong New Orleans Airport to help oversee evacuations after the storm. He received the TSA's most prestigious award in October and was invited to help with the agency's reorganization based on recommendations by Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff.


Restovich was a double major in psychology and sociology with criminal justice as his area of interest. He graduated from NSU in 1969. He was an officer in Kappa Alpha, and Gamma Psi Honor Society.

 **Amanda Shuford Mayeaux** and **Monique Wild** were two of a team of three teachers from Dutchtown Middle School in Geismar named Teacher of the Year at the 2006 Disney Teacher Awards Gala in August. Eighth grade teachers Mayeaux, Wild and colleague Kathryn Pilcher were the first teaching team to take the title. They also took home the 2006 Outstanding Middle School Teacher Award and the 2006 Youth Service America Award, an unprecedented accomplishment.

Mayeaux graduated from Northwestern in 1992. At NSU, she sang in the choir, was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and worked in the dean of education's office. She was the Outstanding Elementary Student Teacher for NSU in 1992.

After earning her undergraduate degree at NSU, she earned two master's degrees from LSU, one in curriculum and instruction and a second in education leadership. She also won the Milken Family Foundation National Educator award in 2003. She teaches math and science.


Wild earned her undergraduate degree in elementary education at LSU in 1991 and completed her master's degree in education technology through Northwestern's on-line program. She teaches English/language arts and history.

 **Crystal Mallett** of Alexandria, a member of the Gamma Phi Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society in Education, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by the organization. Mallett earned an undergraduate degree in elementary education at Northwestern in 2005 through a joint program between the College of Education and the Louisiana Scholars' College. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in special education with emphasis in teaching gifted children through NSU.



This past fall, Mallett began her second year teaching honors and gifted English, reading and computers to seventh and eighth grade students at Pineville Junior High.

Mallett hopes to complete her degree in August 2007 and intends to stay in the central Louisiana area.

 **John M. Sullivan** has been named vice president for academic affairs at Watkins College of Art & Design in Nashville. He will oversee the college's academic planning and will work with other members of the executive management team to coordinate the internal operations of the college's academic programs.


A native of Vidalia, Sullivan attended NSU from 1968-75, minus 1970-72 when he served in the Vietnam War with the U.S. Army. He later served with the U.S. National Guard. At NSU, he was a member of Theta Chi Fraternity and graduated in 1975 with a B.S. in advertising design.

In 1984, he returned to school and earned an M.F.A. in graphic design at Louisiana Tech while working in corporate advertising and public relations in Monroe.

Sullivan taught graphic design at Arkansas Tech in Russellville, Ark., for 15 years. During that time, he also worked as a graphic design consultant for an agricultural development institute and began exhibiting his own artwork. In addition to graphic design, he is a painter and print maker.


In 2003, Sullivan left Arkansas Tech to become chairman of the Department of Art at Jackson State University in Jackson, Miss. After eight months, he was promoted to associate dean for the College of Liberal Arts.


Sullivan moved to Nashville in August to take up his new post. He and his wife Margaret, a photographer, are empty nesters.

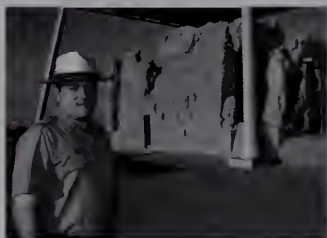
 **Major Alan Hardin** has joined the staff at Northwestern as an assistant professor of military science. Major Hardin will work primarily as enrollment and scholarships officer in charge of recruiting for the NSU ROTC program.

His duties are interviewing and explaining what ROTC is to prospective cadets in college at Northwestern, high schools and at Fort Polk and informing them about the financial incentives available to students who have an interest in military science.

Major Hardin graduated from Pickering High School in 1984 and enrolled at Northwestern. He played men's basketball as a walk-on and was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity. He met his wife, the former Sheila Sampite, at Northwestern. Major Hardin joined the Army in 1988 and returned to NSU to complete his undergraduate degree in business administration in 1990. Married since 1991, Major Hardin and his wife have an 18-month-old son, Daniel.

 **Sgt. Jerod Ward** of the Louisiana National Guard received a hero's welcome home during the Sept. 30 NSU football game, in conjunction with Military Appreciation Day. A Northwestern alumnus, Sgt. Ward served in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and was recognized on-field during a half-time ceremony alongside several other local service members. Sgt. Ward served in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom with the 156th Armor Battalion of the Louisiana National Guard. He was awarded a Purple Heart for wounds sustained during his 12-month tour in Baghdad. Ward graduated from Northwestern in 2002 with a degree in criminal justice.

 **Jason Lott** ('96, '99) has been named superintendent of Casa Grande Ruins National Monument, the first archaeological site to be preserved by the federal government and the fifth oldest unit in the National Park Service.



Located in Coolidge, Ariz., the Casa Grande Ruins are one of the largest and most mysterious prehistoric structures built in North America. Set aside as a federal land reserve in 1892 and then as a National Monument in 1918, Casa Grande Ruins is a place where history transcends 600 years of continuous occupation. The site has approximately 100,000 visitors per year.

Lott earned an undergraduate in advertising design with a minor in photography and a master's in history with an emphasis in cultural resource management at NSU. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Order and a graduate of the ROTC program. Lott has been an active member of the Louisiana National Guard and Army Reserve for 18 years, including 10 years as an enlisted soldier. Lott served in Operation Desert Storm in 1990-91 and was deployed to Iraq in 2003 as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom, where he served as a company commander overseeing 142 soldiers. He served as a company commander for 1086 Transportation Company out of Bunkie, Ville Platte and Vidalia, where some Northwestern students were under his command.

Lott has settled in Florence with his wife, Wendy Ropelewski Lott, and their two children. Wendy earned a degree in anthropology at NSU in 1995 and a master's in history with emphasis in cultural resource management, in 2000. They have two children, Sarah, 8, and Jimmy, 6.

Look for familiar names at the book store...NSU alumni

Brother and sister alumni **Shelley Richardson** of Birmingham, Ala., and **Bonnie Richardson Murphy** of Natchitoches, are planning a release of their second children's book and have a third book in the works. The collaborations, which



are written by Murphy and illustrated by Richardson, are colorful rhyming books for preschool children and beginning readers.

The latest book, entitled "Rooster's Gumbo" will be published through the Creole Heritage Center at Northwestern, and will include Creole phrases, an authentic Creole recipe for gumbo and a glossary of Creole terms.

Murphy and Richardson's first book together, "Can A Rooster Drive a Tractor," was published in 2001.

"We worked with Creole specialists to inject Creole phrasing into the narrative," said Janet Colson, assistant director of the Creole Heritage Center.

Murphy graduated from Northwestern in 1962 with a degree in elementary education and taught elementary students for several years. She and her husband, Steve Murphy, recently relocated back to Natchitoches from Foxworth, Miss.

Richardson graduated from Northwestern in 1960 with a degree in physical education and a minor in sociology. He was elected Mr. NSU and was active in the Baptist Student Union and intramurals. He is retired as a community education administrator for the Jefferson County, Alabama, Board of Education.

A third book in the works is entitled "The Discontented Duck."

For more information on the Murphy/Richardson books, contact the authors at bayoumurphy@aol.com or shelu@bham.rr.com. Information can also be obtained through the NSU Creole Heritage Center, (318) 357-6685.



Winnie Dowden Wyatt (1953) of Grapevine, Texas, has published a novel entitled "The Little Dry," the story of Janice, an American artist who follows her husband to his native Nigeria following his eight year study in the United States. In the book, Janice finds a number of surprises as Nigeria experiences

two coups and she discovers that her husband has a native wife and a child.

This is Wyatt's first book, though she has published many stories and articles in various magazines, including "Child Life," "American Red Cross News." Another story, "A Pot of Water for Bocas," was selected for inclusion in a collection of "Children Around the World" publication. Bluestone, a literary quarterly, which is available on the Internet, published an adult novella, "A Light Gone Out." Through the years, Wyatt has published other books with a variety of themes.

"My appreciation for Northwestern and the contribution this institution has made to my life are inexpressible," she said.

Winnfield Recruiting/Alumni Reception and Golf Tournament



Tammy (1991) and Todd Martin enjoyed the meal and fellowship of the reception held in Winnfield in July.



Hedy (1971) and Jim Pinkerton, Kathy and Bobby (1963) Guin and Benny (1956) and Beth Smith got reacquainted during the annual Winnfield event.



Alumni Association Vice President Jerry Brungart (1971), Robert Walker (1972) and Chuck Levey (1974) looked over NSU sports memorabilia following the Winnfield Golf Tournament.



Jim (1965) and Neva Barr and John (1994) and Jennifer Carpenter were among those who greeted new NSU recruits.

Shreveport Golf Outing



Renowned TV sports announcer Tim Brando donated and Patrick Netherton, NSU sports radio announcer, coordinated a golf outing package as an item up for bid during last year's NSU Athletic Scholarship Auction. The winning bidder for the package was NSU supporter Robert Holladay of Natchitoches, who presented the package as a gift to NSU football radio announcer Jack "Britt" Brittain Jr. and NSU Men's Head Basketball Coach Mike McConathy. Brando and Netherton hosted at Southern Trace Country Club in Shreveport. From left are Brittain, McConathy, Brando and Netherton. "The golf and laughter meant a great time and we all join in saying 'Thank you so much,'" Brittain said.

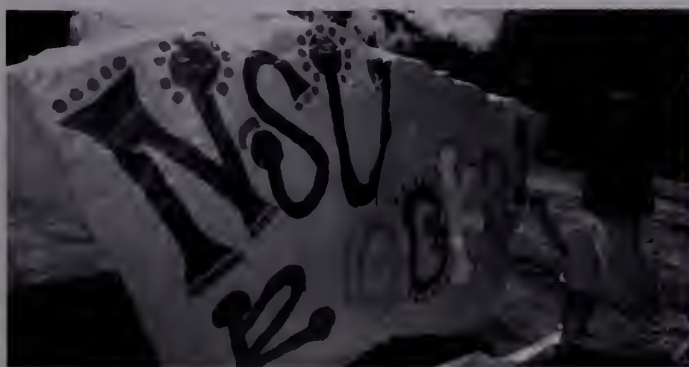
Chicago Gathering



Chicago area alumni gathered for a reunion at Katherine Legge Memorial Lodge in Hinsdale, Ill., in August. Attending the event were, seated from left, Jill Bankston, Lil Dealy, Liz Mims, Allison Miller, Elena Turner, Barbara Conner, Ginger Eppinette and Patricia Fee. On the back row are Jay Bankston, John Dealy, Ted Mims, Brad Miller, Patrick Turner, Matthew Eppinette and Kelvin Fee.

New Tradition

A new campus tradition for students and student groups began with the fall semester as rocks were placed around campus for groups to promote their events, activities and special news. A committee will set forth guidelines for painting and reserving the rock for use by all student groups. Courtney Carnahan, a sophomore fashion merchandising major from Pineville, decorated one of the many large rocks to welcome students back to school.



The Daily Demon adds flair to www.nsudemons.com website

Thousands of Northwestern alumni and many others who have interest in NSU athletics use the www.nsudemons.com website to keep current on the Demons and Lady Demons.

Recently, the site launched a new feature – a blog entitled “The Daily Demon.” Blogs, which are online “diaries,” provide the authors with a forum for reflections and observations.

While blogs are commonplace on news sites on the Internet, they are hard to find on intercollegiate athletics websites.

Recent entries on “The Daily Demon” included coverage of the 40th reunion of the unbeaten 1966 Demons football team, news on two former NSU star athletes coaching at LSU, and reflections on the “Opie’s Open” golf tournament held by basketball coach Mike McConathy to support NSU’s championship hoops team.

Demon Days 2007 calendar in production

For the avid NSU sports fan, or anyone who loves Northwestern, there’s an excellent stocking stuffer – the Demon Days 2007 wall calendar.

The third annual edition of the Demon Days calendar is under production and should be available in early December. It features more than 50 striking photos of Northwestern student-athletes, spirit group members, coaches and fans covering every one of NSU’s NCAA Division I sports teams, with the images selected from the collection of official NSU photographer Gary Hardamon.

There are more than 200 historic dates in Northwestern athletic history featured on the calendar, with landmark achievements in each sport recognized tracing all the way back to the early days of athletics at “the Normal school.”

Every buyer also is entered into monthly drawings for Demon Days Calendar Prizes, ranging up to \$100 value in cash, merchandise or outings.

Calendars can be ordered at the NSU athletic fieldhouse during business hours (8-5) Monday-Friday, and also at home NSU basketball games before and after the holidays. They can be ordered online at www.nsudemons.com on the internet, with a \$3 shipping charge applicable if needed.

Remembering the 1966 Unbeaten Demons



The 1966 team who reunited in October were, from left, David Centanni, David Lovich, Gerald Malley, Shelley Dickie, Al Phillips, Paul Alonzo, Dick Concilio, Carroll Long, Coach Herbie Smith, David Arnold, Coach Gene Knecht, Nellie Clayton, Steve Gaspard, Coach John Ropp, Don Guidry, Dick Reding, Barry Fresh, Ross Gwinn, Kenny Callens, David Smith, Gary Pittman, Coach Ernest “Slim” Howell, Phillip Creel and Melvin Johnston.

Scholarship remembers former Demon basketball player

The family of former Northwestern State University basketball stand-out Bill Loftin, who at the time of his death in January 2006 was believed to have been the oldest living Demon basketball alumnus, has established the “Bill Loftin Men’s Basketball Scholarship” in honor of the late Red River Parish native.

Loftin was an outstanding player for Coach H. Lee Prather from 1934-38, serving as team captain his last two seasons. A highly successful coach in his hometown of Martin, Loftin served in General George Patton’s Third Army seeing action during World War II.



Gathering to make the contribution were children and his wife; from left, John Loftin, Faye Goode, Richard Loftin, Leola Loftin and NSU Director of Athletics Greg Burke.

He later became principal of Martin for seven years and spent nearly a decade as superintendent of schools in the parish.

www.nsudemons4kids.com

An innovative concept which may launch a trend in marketing collegiate and professional sports programs, the newly-unveiled website www.nsudemons4kids.com is designed to develop a connection between Northwestern State athletics and children in junior high and elementary school.

Among elements of the site are games of varying degrees of difficulty for various ages, coloring pages, puzzles, art contests, stories about NSU games, athletes, coaches, cheerleaders, and activities written by kids, spotlights on NSU athletes, coaches, Vic the Demon mascot, cheerleaders and band members.

Alum lives out a dream at Rock and Roll Fantasy Camp

Randy Ryder, (1990, 1995) lived out his dream as he participated in two Rock and Roll Fantasy camps, a chance to write and perform music with some of the biggest names in music. Ryder, who sings and plays guitar, was able to write and perform songs, get instruction from celebrities and jam with some of the legends of rock.

The Rock and Roll Fantasy camp brings music lovers together with music professionals for the opportunity to move from the spectator stands to the stage. The camp was created by Daid Fishof, a renowned agent and publicist.

"I met numerous rock stars and have become friends with a few, while all were very approachable," said Ryder, who jammed on-stage at B.B. King's with Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Dickey Betts of

the Allman Brothers during the Rock and Roll Fantasy camp. We really got to jam with these guys not just meet and greet but work in studio's with these greats."

After writing songs at both camps, the song Ryder's band worked on in New York was recorded at Sirius Satellite's studio and will be included on a CD with recordings by other Rock and Roll Fantasy campers.

This past fall, Ryder met with VH-1 to put together a two-hour special he co-hosted with Lynn Hoffman that will air this spring and feature Ryder and the interaction between the stars from the camp. The broadcast will allow Ryder the opportunity to promote his New Orleans Children's Charity project. He also participated in a one-day camp in Columbus, Ohio, opening on a side stage for



Randy Ryder jammed on-stage at B.B. King's with Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Dickey Betts of the Allman Brothers during the Rock and Roll Fantasy camp.

Def Leppard and Journey.

Ryder still has his day job working for Cardiovascular Consultants and taking care of patients in their nuclear lab. He is married to Amanda Middlebrooks Ryder (1996), who is radiology director at Willis-Knighton South Medical Center in Shreveport. The couple has two children. Randy works as technical

director of nuclear cardiology.

At Northwestern, Ryder earned degrees in electronic engineering technology in 1990 and radiologic/nuclear medicine technology in 1995. He was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon. He played in Natchez Trace, a band with other guys from different fraternities, from 1987-89.

Long Purple Line member honored by fraternity

David D. Morgan (1973) was inducted into the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity Hall of Fame during the fraternity's national convention held in Dallas in July.

"I was quite proud of this honor since only 24 out of 100,000 alumni have ever been selected into the Hall of Fame," Morgan said.

The Pi Kappa Phi Hall of Fame consists of selected alumni members who have distinguished themselves in their respective profession and, by doing so, have brought honor and credit to their fraternity. Morgan, an alumnus of NSU's Beta Omicron chapter, began in the insurance industry following graduation in 1973. Over the last 30-plus years he has been a founder and CEO of several different insurance companies. A pioneer in linking insurance products and other benefits with membership-based organizations, he has brought credit to Pi Kappa Phi by adding value to many different associations.

Morgan credited much of his success in life to the lessons learned as a chapter leader. He credited Pi Kappa Phi with broadening his horizons and equipping him to be a successful business leader. Morgan also challenged the student leaders to take full advantage of their Pi Kappa Phi experience.

Morgan has supported NSU in several projects. In 1998, he was inducted into the NSU Long Purple Line.



Presenting the "Hall of Fame" award to David Morgan, far right, are Mark Jacobs National Treasurer, and Allen Woody Foundation Chairman.

Durr Professorship announced at College of Business brunch

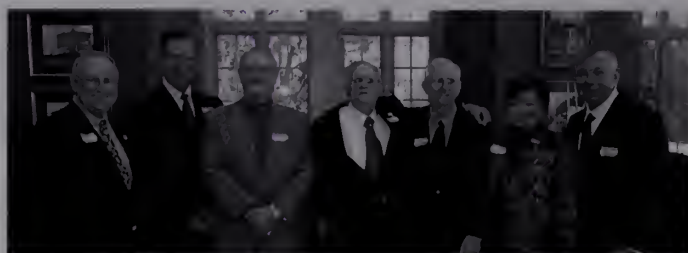
An endowed professorship in the Northwestern State University College of Business has been established to honor a long-time accounting professor. The professorship, created through the NSU Foundation in partnership with several donors, will honor Dr. Kenneth I. Durr, who taught at both the high school and university levels.

The professorship in the amount of \$100,000 was created through a partnership with graduates of the business department from the classes of 1959, 1960 and 1961, who were contacted by Ellis Coutee ('60) and Dr. William Muse ('60) about creating the professorship to honor Durr, who provided them with a foundation of knowledge beneficial to their careers.

Durr graduated from Marthaville High School in 1933 and earned a B.S. at

Louisiana State Normal College in 1939. He earned a master's at George Peabody College in 1947 and a doctorate at Indiana University in 1963. He taught high school at Marthaville High, Robeline High, Allen High, St. Mary's and West Hartford, Conn., High. He then spent 35 years teaching accounting at the university level in Louisiana and Texas, teaching at Northwestern, Northeast Louisiana University, Texas Women's University and Stephen F. Austin.

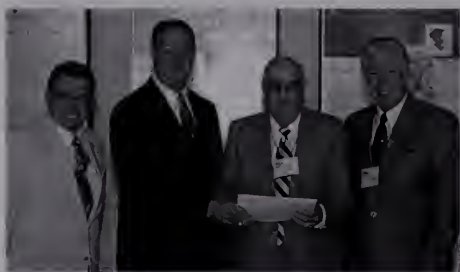
Durr is married to Dr. Gloria Ebarb Durr (1961) and has five children and eight grandchildren. He currently resides in Nacogdoches, Texas, and celebrated his 90th birthday earlier this year.



Partners in creating the Dr. Kenneth Durr Endowed Professorship for the College of Business were, from left, Dr. William Muse, Wayne Williamson, Karl Moore, Dr. Durr, Dr. Doyle Williams, Juanita Coutee and Ellis Coutee. Not shown are partners Glynn Phillips and Joe and Wilna Sepulvado. Other co-partners and donors also participated in creating the professorship.

Foundation News

- The Coordinating and Development Corporation, a regional economic development corporation, has established a scholarship at Northwestern State University in honor of long-time CDC board member and former Mansfield mayor Harold Cornett. The CDC pledged \$10,000 to NSU and presented



Announcing the Harold L. Cornett, CDC scholarship were, from left are CDC President and CEO Max LeCompte, Natchitoches Mayor Wayne McCullen, Cornett and NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb.

the first installment of \$1,000 to the NSU Foundation to establish the Harold L. Cornett, CDC scholarship.

The Coordinating and Development Corporation (CDC) is a private, non-profit, membership-supported corporation that serves the economic, community, and business development needs of 10 parishes in northwest Louisiana, eight counties

in northeast Texas and four counties in southwest Arkansas.

Cornett has been a Mansfield resident for more than 40 years and served as mayor for 16 years before retiring four years ago. He is a former chairman of board for the CDC, former president of the Louisiana Municipal Association and former president of the Louisiana Commercial Development Authority in Baton Rouge.

- Northwestern received \$800,000 in matching funds to complete a \$1 million endowed chair and five \$100,000 endowed professorships. The matching funds were provided by the Louisiana Educational Quality Support Fund and supplemental appropriations by the Louisiana Legislature.

A match of \$600,000 will go toward The Charles Ragus (Founder of Advocate International) Family Endowed Chair in Business. Matches of \$40,000 will be awarded to the Barry Smiley Professorship in Marketing; the Karl and Linda Moore Endowed Professorship in Business; the Roy O. Martin Endowed Professorship in Computer Information Systems; the Thomas E. Stewart Professorship in Education and the Willis-Knighton Healthcare System Endowed Professorship in Nursing.

The endowed chairs were created with gifts of \$400,000, which were matched with \$600,000 from the Louisiana Educational

Quality Support Fund. Interest from the endowment will be used to attract or retain a nationally recognized scholar.

The endowed professorships were created with \$60,000 in donations then matched by the state to create a \$100,000 endowed professorship. Interest generated by the endowment will fund faculty research and development along with needed equipment.

- A scholarship to benefit a Northwestern State University freshman pursuing a degree in business has been established in memory of a Natchitoches businessman. A scholarship honoring the late S.T. Sibley III was established by his wife, Peggy Mathson Sibley, through a donation to the NSU Foundation. The scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$200 per year to a Louisiana resident. The recipient must maintain a 2.5 grade point average.

S. T. Sibley graduated from Natchitoches High School and attended Northwestern from 1946-49, as a business major. During World War II, he served in the Pacific Theatre. For 22 years, Sibley served as secretary/treasurer of the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury and later became president of S.T. Sibley III Enterprises, in which he operated several businesses. He was a Mason, a Shriner and a member of First Baptist Church. Sibley passed away in 1999.

Alumni Updates

1961

Robert Charles Crosby is a retired investor and lives in Franklin, Tenn.

1962

Helen Maxine Penney Cely is a retired teacher and lives in Burkburnett, Texas.

1966

Walter Edward George is a retired electrician, married and lives in Waskom, Texas.

1967

John O. Gaudin is retired, married to Cheryl Neville Gaudin ('67) and lives in Houston, Texas.

1971

Dr. John E. Kerley, Ed.D has recently been named principal and athletic director at Riverdale Academy in East Point, La. In May 2006, John retired after working 34 years as principal and teacher in the Caddo Parish School System. He is married and lives in Shreveport.

Lynette Ater Tanner is a co-owner of Self-Tanner & Co., married and lives in Frogmore.

1972

Judy A. Wester is district manager for the state of Louisiana Division of Adult Probation and Parole and lives in Natchitoches.

1973

Theresa Norwood Worth is retired and lives in Mesquite, Texas.

1975

Mary Melissa Muse Trammell is a special education supervisor for Winn Parish School Board and lives in Campti.

1980

Kimberly Crawford is CFO at P & K Media and lives in Mabank, Texas.

1981

Rev. Ron F. Thomas is minister of education at Swartz First Baptist Church, married and lives in Swartz.

1983

David Wayne Thrash is a principal at Bossier High School, married and lives in Bossier City.

1985

Caroline Frandsen Cantillas is retired and lives in Pacific Grove, Calif.

Alumni Profile

Frances Drake Redditt

Frances Drake Redditt of St. Joseph retired last July at age 83 after devoting herself to three different careers. She has numerous stories to tell, from her student years at Northwestern, to years spent working as a home economics teacher and Tensas Parish school food services director and her experiences working for the United States Department of Agriculture.

A native of the Sabine Parish community of Mitchell, Mrs. Redditt graduated from Northwestern in 1943 with a degree in home economics. At NSU, she was in the educational honor society, wrote for the Current Sauce and worked with the Wesley Foundation. Upon graduation, she received the Esther Cooley Award as most outstanding home economics graduate and received a gold thimble. At a department banquet several years later, she received a silver bowl and was recognized as an outstanding alumna. Mrs. Redditt's mother, Elizabeth S. Drake, was secretary for several Northwestern president's, from A.A. Fredericks to H. Lee Prather.

Mrs. Redditt was led to the home economics field because of a young talent for baking and sewing and involvement in 4-H.

Mrs. Redditt earned a master's degree in from Texas Women's University in Denton, Texas, by spending two summers away from her family to complete the coursework. Her master's thesis was on Home Economics in the Community, which tied directly to instruction she was giving her high school students. She received her master's in 1959.

Many of Mrs. Redditt's students won trips and scholarships through contests offered by Pillsbury and Betty Crocker and regularly placed well at Literary Rally. She encouraged involvement in organizations and practical experience. In 1959, Mrs. Redditt was named by Seventeen Magazine as one of the Top 10 National Teachers of the Year. One of her fondest memories is



Frances Redditt 1943

when she was honored with a surprise "This Is Your Life" program, organized for her by friends and students, on her birthday.

In 1966, Mrs. Redditt went to work as Tensas Parish school food supervisor, bringing the kitchens up to par and the food program budgets out of the red. That led to a job with the USDA, in which she worked with 22 of Louisiana's northeast parishes' food banks and commodity food programs. She traveled 1,200 miles per month and visited every school and food pantry site in northeast Louisiana. She created many of the eligibility forms currently in use.

During her three careers, Mrs. Redditt was very active in numerous professional organizations. She held offices in the American Home Economics Association (now the Family and Consumer Sciences Association), and the Louisiana School Food Association (now called the Food and Nutrition Association) and was president of both. She was also nominated to be president of the southwest regional American School Food Association and traveled to six states.

"I had a long career and I enjoyed working with people all these years," she said.

Mrs. Redditt is active at her church, First United Methodist Church of St. Joseph, where she oversees the calendar of greeters and hostesses and has begun a post card ministry. For many years, she made special occasion cakes and catered events such as weddings, dinners and teas. She enjoys travel and bridge.

Mrs. Redditt has three children and two step-children. She also has 10 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren scattered across the country. She lives in a rambling house on Lake Bruin.

1986

Terri Anderson Remedies is an account executive business for a Coordinating & Developing Corporation and lives in Many.

Abdon Antonio Boscan is a field material coordinator for BP America, married and lives in Ulysses, Kan.

1987

Laura Chandler Richards is a kindergarten teacher, married and lives in Woodworth.

1988

Kimberly F. Paulk Grieves is a physical education teacher, basketball, track, and volleyball coach. She is married and lives in Gulfport, Miss.

1989

Tracy Fisher Hennage is a speech pathologist and lives in San Antonio, Texas.

1990

Yvette Coburn is the owner of ICU Video Communications and lives in Dallas, Texas.

1991

Lori Perkins Tassin is a pink Cadillac senior sales director for Mary Kay, married and lives in Luling.

1992

Elizabeth Veatch Gintella is a registered nurse at St. Davids Georgetown, married and lives in Elgin, Texas.

1993

Marie Hughes Mattox is an employee chemical manager at Helena Chemical Company, married, and lives in Collierville, Tenn.

Kenny L. Hemmer is a staff accountant at WGCL-TV CBS 46, married to Michele Nixon ('94) and lives in Atlanta, Ga.

1998

Leslie Wilson Eames is a staff accountant at Goldman Equipment, LLC., married and lives in Ferriday.

Jeremy Wolff is a LAN-ADMIN at International Paper and lives in Fort Worth, Texas.

Lori "Michelle" Metz is a kindergarten teacher at Baines Lower Elementary and lives in St. Francisville.

2000

Clarence Frank is director of orchestras at Clear Lake Intermediate School and lives in Pasadena, Texas.

2001

Kelly Powell Behrendt is a recruit-

Alumni Profile

Dr. Robert Carter III

Dr. Robert Carter III (Captain, US Army Medical Service Corps) was selected as the first U.S. Army physiologist assigned in France as part of a Department of Defense (DoD) effort to promote international cooperation in military research, development, and acquisition through the exchange of defense scientists and engineers. Carter is assigned to the premier laboratory regarding military health research, the Centre de Recherches du Service de Santé des Armées in La Tronche, France (Rhône Alps Region). His research interests are related to 1) the role that genetics play in human adaptation and survival to extreme environments and physical stress and 2) the role of heat shock cells (small proteins found in many cells in the body) in protection against heart and skeletal muscle injury. Carter's broader objective's are to 1) broaden DoD perspectives in biomedical research and development techniques and methods, 2) gain insight into foreign research and development methods, organizational structures, procedures, production, logistics, testing, and management systems, 3) cultivate future international cooperative endeavors, 4) assist in avoiding duplication of research efforts with allied nations. From January 2002 to March 2006, Carter served as a Army Medical Service Officer and Researcher in the Division of Thermal and Mountain Medicine at the United States Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine (USARIEM) in Natick, Mass.

In addition to his military duties, Carter continues to serve as an adjunct assistant professor in the Department of Biology at Southern University and as an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Biological Sciences at Northwestern.



Carter teaches courses in anatomy and microbiology via E-NSU online.

Carter attended Northwestern on academic and track scholarships, graduating in 1995 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

As an undergraduate, he served as President of Theta Chi Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and was a member of the organization for 4 years. He was a member of Beta Beta Beta National Biological Honor Society, Life Science Club.

After his undergraduate studies, he went on to take graduate-level courses in the Department of Biological Sciences at Southern and LSU. It was while he was at Southern that he was selected to participate in a bridge-to-doctorate program between Southern and the University of North Texas Health Science Center (UNTHSC) in Fort Worth. After completing the bridge program and finishing his Master's degree in biology at Southern University in 1997, Carter began working toward his Ph.D. His interests and goals at that time were to conduct epidemiological research and laboratory studies of blood pressure regulation and hypertension in African Americans. Carter was awarded his Ph.D. in biomedical sciences (concentration in cardiovascular physiology) in 2001, and his Master degree in Public Health (MPH) in chronic disease epidemiology in 2003. In 2004, Carter completed additional graduate studies in epidemiology at Harvard School of Public Health in Boston, and In 2005, Carter as selected as a Alonso Yerby Fellow in the Department of

Environmental Health at the Harvard School of Public Health.

Carter, a member of the first class of Gates Millennium Scholars, and served as a reader for the Gates Millennium Scholar Program (GMSP).

In 2003, Minority Access, Inc through a corporate agreement with the National Institutes of Health Office of Minority Health recognized Dr. Carter as National Role Model in biomedical research.

Carter is a Fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) and serves as the Massachusetts state representative and is a member on the health and science committee of ACSM. He is also a member of numerous other professional organizations including the American College of Epidemiology and American Physiological Society. Carter is a life member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

He has over 40 peer-reviewed articles, book chapters, and conference proceedings related to blood pressure regulation, human performance, public health, and environmental physiology and medicine. He is also listed as an author on one patent pending. Carter is a member of the advisor board for the Bridge to Doctorate Program at UNTHSC in Fort Worth.

Carter has been a keynote international lecturer at the Physiological Society of South Africa Annual Congress in Cape Town, he has lectured on various scientific topics worldwide to include the University of Stellenbousch in South Africa, University of Jyväskylä in Finland, and La Tronche, France.

ment and retention specialist for Schumpert Health System, married and lives in Bossier City.

Tabitha Johnigan Johnson is a physical therapist at Centre of Rehabilitation Excellence, married and lives in Longview.

Daniel "Wayne" Bush is employed at The Smith Law Firm, L.L.P. as an attorney and lives in Anacoco.

2002

Morgan Smith is CIO at Pafford Medical Services and lives in Hope, Ark. Jennifer Field Mabou is an administrative assistant for State Farm Insurance, married to Courtney Mabou ('02) and lives in Sulphur.

Courtney Mabou is a Louisiana State trooper, married to Jennifer Field Mabou ('02) and lives in Sulphur.

Melissa Ann Gordey Reed is a Pre-K teacher at D.F. Huddle Elementary School. She is married and lives in Calcasieu.

2003

Selena Elizabeth Simpson is a technology teacher for Dallas Independent

School District and lives in Duncanville, Texas.

2004

Lindsey Lane Huffman Vercher is a medical records supervisor at The Columns Rehabilitation & Retirement Center, married and lives in Jena.

Susan Sisco is a computer programmer at Wal-Mart and lives in Bentonville, Ark.

Joseph Earl Brakhage is a computer programmer for Sungard Data Systems, married to Victoria E. Whitlock Brakhage ('04) and lives in Birmingham, Ala.

Victoria Elaine Whitlock Brakhage is a medicare settlement specialist, married to Joseph Earl Brakhage ('04) and lives in Birmingham

John Melvin Miller is a plant engineer at Boise Building Products, Oakdale Operations, married and lives in Florian.

2005

Tracy I. Leeper is a systems analyst for State Farm Insurance Companies and lives in Bloomington, Ill.

Leah Gilmore LaCaze is an admin-

istrative coordinator at Huey P. Long Medical Center, married to Julius Pierre LaCaze ('03) and lives in Alexandria.

Lisa Crandall is a webmaster for L-3 Communications and lives in Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

LaKeshia Monique Butler is a case manager worker for Beta Community Services and lives in Zachary.

Josh Burton is an exercise specialist at Schumpert and lives in Bossier City.

Natalie Barrett Coutee is an assistant manager/outside sales for Fastenal Company and lives in Lena.

2006

Sarah Dianne Wells Fletcher is a receptionist at Camp Town USA, Inc, married and lives in Pineville.

In Memory

1938 Elbert Clifton Thomas, April 12, 2006

1947 - Charles. J. Kelly, Lt. Col., USAF (ret.) - Sept. 3, 2006.

1947 Ezell Jones Waguespack, Feb. 4, 2006

1990 Donald R. Kimbrell, June 16, 2006

Speedy Oteria Long, Oct. 5, 2006

LOOKING BACK



Natchitoches-Northwestern Chorale makes debut

In September 1977, a group of singers from the Natchitoches community and the university's student body and staff was organized into the Natchitoches-Northwestern Chorale, under the direction of Dr. John E. Taylor, director of choral activities at NSU. Comprised of students, teachers, nurses, business people and many diverse vocations and disciplines, the chorale members represented many varied backgrounds. Jeanine Smith was the pianist for the chorale.

The group presented their first concert in November 1977.

Accompanied by the NSU Chamber Orchestra, the chorus performed Vivaldi's "Gloria," a sacred oratorio of praise and thanksgiving. They also provided entertainment at the NSU-Arkansas State football game.

Voices in the chorale were selected by audition. Officers of the Natchitoches-Northwestern Chorale were Dr. John L. Hix, president; Nelda Reid, vice president; Margaret Fleming, secretary, and Ben Carter, treasurer.

Guess Who?



In 1970; the Demon Marching Band included a twirling line. Can you name the coeds who were members? The first five readers to contact the Alumni Affairs office at (318) 357-4414 will win a prize.

Congratulations to these alumni who correctly identified the 1966 State Fair Court. They were Elizabeth Chapman, Toni Walker, Sue Peterson, Donna Watts, Queen Pam Rushing, Cheryl Terry, Sarah Grunwald, Shirley Kay Dalme and Martha Palmer.

Mr. Marshall Broussard—1969
Erath, LA

Dr. Fred Parker—1973
Hot Springs, AR

Mrs. Beverly Clark Porche—1969
Lafayette, LA

Mr. Denman Shaffer—1967
Shreveport, LA

Mr. Bill Fowler—1969
Brandon, MS

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Date _____ SSN: _____

Name: (Miss, Mrs. Mr.) _____
Please Circle Last First Middle Maiden

Current address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

NSU undergraduate degree(s): _____ Year of graduation: _____

NSU graduate degree(s): _____ Year of graduation: _____

During which years did you attend NSU? _____

Which organizations were you involved in while a student at NSU? _____

Place of employment _____

Job title: _____ Work phone: _____

Spouse's name: _____

Is your spouse an NSU graduate? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, what degree(s) did he / she earn?

Spouse's undergraduate degree (s) _____ Year of graduation _____

Spouse's graduate degree (s) _____ Year of graduation _____

Do you have children who are potential Northwestern students? Please tell us their names, contact information, and what high school they attend.

Please return to: Alumni Center • Northwestern State University • Natchitoches, LA 71497

If you would like information from Admissions, Financial Aid or the NSU Athletic Association, you can contact them at the following address:

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Give a memory for Christmas!

The approaching holiday season is a time to spend with loved ones and reflect on many years of sharing wonderful memories with those close to your heart. It is not only a time to reflect upon memories shared with the wonderful people in our lives, but also a time to show them how much they mean to us.

Maybe you met your best friend or spouse when you attended Northwestern. What better way is there to rekindle the flame of those memories than by purchasing a commemorative brick paver with the name of a loved one engraved to be placed in Northwestern's newly finished Alumni Plaza?

You can purchase a \$100 brick paver for anyone: a loved one, a friend, a parent, a mentor or a son or a daughter. We will send a certificate letting the recipient know that the brick has been purchased and its location in the plaza. Giving this wonderful, heartfelt gift shows someone how much they mean to you, and there is no better time to give it than during the holiday season.

For information on purchasing a brick paver give us a call at (318) 357-4243 or send an e-mail to maggioc@nsula.edu. We hope that you will take advantage of this wonderful holiday opportunity.

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